

**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**USDA FOREST SERVICE, FLATHEAD NATIONAL FORESTS**  
**And the**  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION**  
**(MT DNRC)**

The purpose of this agreement is to provide for a coordinated cooperative fire suppression operation on this fire and to describe the cost division. Following is the cost share agreement between the agencies identified above as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the **Statewide Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement #05-FI-11015600-14** executed between the parties on 3/10/05.

Incident Name: **Brush Creek**

Origin:

County: Lincoln	Lat: 48 20' 59"	Long: 113 54' 95"
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Estimated Size: 29,921 acres at the time of this agreement

Incident Start Date and Time: 7/27/2007 @ 1238

Jurisdictions: Flathead National Forest and the Kootenai National Forest with Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation having the protection responsibility on the Kootenai National Forest lands.

Incident Cause: Lightning

Incident Numbers by Agency:

Agency	Fire #	Accounting Code
FOREST SERVICE	MT-FNF-000039	P1DT70/0110
MT DNRC	MT-NWS-703	75058

Cost Share Period: This agreement becomes effective on the date indicated below and will remain in effect until amended or terminated.

State date/time: 07/30/2007 @0600

End date/time: 09/27/@1700

Command Structure: Overall direction of this incident was by a **Single Command** structure, with a Delegation of Authority to Incident Commanders from all involved protection agencies.

Principal Contacts: The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Position	Name	Agency
Incident Commander	John Koehler Bruce Hill	Florida – Division of Forestry Florida - Division of Forestry
Agency Administrative Rep. FS	Lisa Krueger, District Ranger	USFS - Flathead
Agency Administrative Rep. DNRC	Brian Manning  John Shotzberger	MT DNRC Stillwater State Forest MT DNRC Libby Unit
Finance Section Chief	Betty Daniels Christine Kintner	Florida - Division of Forestry Florida - Division of Forestry

Agency representatives participating in the development of this cost share agreement:

Forest Service – Flathead NF Name: Roberta Whitlock Title: Incident Business Advisor	MT DNRC Name: Pam Okon Title: Fire Business Specialist
Name: Earl Applekamp Title: Engineering and Administrative Staff Officer	Name: Bob Sandman Title: NWLO Area Manager
Name: Allen Chrisman Title: Fire Staff Officer	Name: John Shotzberger Title: Libby Unit Manager
	Name: Brian Manning Title: Stillwater Unit Manager

Structural Protection:

- Identify the entity(s) that will provide structural protection and the rationale.
  - Within the direct protection area of the Flathead National Forest, the Star Meadows Administrative Site structures are protected by the Forest Service. Within the offset-protection area protected by the Flathead National Forest, there are structures on private lands in the Star Meadows and Good Creek Areas. See the Flathead County bullet below.
  - Within the direct protection area of MT DNRC there are no structures.
  - Flathead County has protection responsibility for structures on private lands within the Fire Service Area in compliance with the Cooperative Wildfire Management 2007 Annual Operating Plan (Agreement #07-FI-11011000-015). This includes the structures on private lands in Star Meadows and the Good Creek Areas.
- The following matrix that identifies the protecting entities and their responsibilities.

#### PROTECTING ENTITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Entity & Location of Protection	Wildland Fire Responsibility (Yes or No)	Structure Protection Responsibility (Yes or No)	Structure Suppression Responsibility (Yes or No)
Flathead NF	Yes	No	No
Kootenai NF	No	No	No
MT DNRC	Yes	No	No
Flathead County	No	Yes	Yes

Special Management Operational Conditions: This cost share agreement between the parties was prepared under the following guidelines:

1. Costs for nonexpendable property purchases by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
2. Administrative overhead costs such as agency personnel, support and services, not directly assigned or ordered by the incident, will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement and will not be shared.
3. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged in unified fire suppression activities will not be included as part of this cost share agreement.
4. Agency-specific costs will not be shared.
5. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdiction agency and will not be shared.
6. Responsibility for tort claims costs or compensation for injury costs will not be a part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside this agreement.
7. Sharing of final actual costs between the agencies will be based on actual incident suppression costs and each agency's proportionate share thereof as agreed to by the protection agencies.
8. Large fire overhead support provided by an Area Command, Buying Team, Expanded Dispatch, Mobilization and Demobilization Centers and Transportation Centers will not be shared in this agreement.
9. Per the Montana Cooperative Fire Agreement billing procedures, the parties to this agreement will determine the total costs of each agency. Each agency will bill for their costs.

Basis or Rationale for Cost Share:

Cost share methodology will be shared on an overall average of effort for the cost share period based on miles of control line built within each agency's protection area. This overall percentage will be applied to actual incident suppression costs, incident management team and team support. See attachments – Appendix 1 and maps.

1. USFS - 73.85%
2. MT DNRC - 26.15%

This Agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable Agency cost responsibilities.

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Catherine Barbouletos, Forest Supervisor

Agency: State of Montana – DNRC, Northwest Land Office  
2250 Highway 93 North  
Kalispell, MT 59901

Signature: Robert L. Sandman Date: 2/28/08  
Robert L. Sandman, Northwest Area Manager